

September 11, 2006

**City of Milton-Freewater
City Council Minutes**

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater met in a special work session Monday, September 11, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in the Albee Room of the Library.

The following members were present: Mayor Lewis Key, Councilors Orrin Lyon, Brad Humbert, Keith Woods, Debbie Kelley and Steve Irving. Shalee Potts was not in attendance.

Staff members present were City Manager Delphine Palmer, Assistant City Manager Linda Hall, Electric Superintendent Mike Charlo, Public Works Trainee Dave Bradshaw, Finance Director Dave Richmond and City Planner Gina Hartzheim.

Citizens present were Treva Withers, Joel Figueroa, David Boyer, Ed Chesnut, Lynette Dickerson, Bobbie Lichner, Jim Lichner, Betty Norris, Dorothy Muer, Jasper Winn, Renee Anglin, Maxine Brumbach, Jaime Garcia, Dorothy Melton, Denise Leidenfrost, Mr. & Mrs. Denis Good, Jose Adorno, Elizabeth Withers, Claudia Villagomez, Angela Young, Patti Magnaghi, Merle Miles, and John Dodd.

Press members present were Melanie Hall of the Valley Herald and Samantha Bates of the East Oregonian.

Due to the concerns of a large group of citizens regarding the possibility of a Transitional House being located within the City of Milton-Freewater, City Manager Delphine Palmer offered this statement. Ms. Palmer revealed Oregon State statutes in reference to the issue and Assistant City Manager Linda Hall stated that research was in process to determine the City's authority to regulate any transitional house in any location within the City and that City Planner Gina Hartzheim as well as the City Attorney Doug Hojem are working on this issue, but the current understanding is that the State of Oregon regulates this issue. A citizen asked who could be contacted and it was suggested for citizens to contact their Oregon State legislators.

A discussion took place to determine the amount of funding the City could contribute for the "Make A Difference Day" project at the Community Building.

City Manager Delphine Palmer spoke of the Golf Course Issue regarding the protective netting replacement and recent complaints and responses. Ms. Palmer announced that the owner of the apartments facing the golf course stated they would purchase the new netting material, but requested city staff to hang the netting.

Assistant City Manager Linda Hall updated the Council on a request to sponsor a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG grant) application to create jobs in Milton-Freewater and promote economic development growth. The grant funding is tied to job creation, so businesses would have to retain or create jobs within their structure and the grant funds would work somewhat like a revolving loan fund.

The current contract with Penrod Kennels was discussed with the Council.

Ms. Palmer reported to the Council that Mike Davidson, Executive Director of Tourism Walla Walla, said he would like to propose that the City of Milton-Freewater join their efforts to promote the valley, including Milton-Freewater. This would include flyers and television advertisement, and would also allow the City to work with their public relations firm located in Seattle, Washington.

City Manager Duane Cole of Walla Walla, Washington spoke with Ms. Palmer about Bi-State planning where the City would contribute funding to support a Bi-State Planning Feasibility Study in an effort to coordinate planning efforts between neighboring communities by the state line. Mr. Cole proposed that the cities of Walla Walla, College Place and Milton-Freewater would be included in the coordinated plan.

A discussion ensued regarding Umatilla County's request for our City Council to support the development on the Highway 11 corridor to stateline and the possibility of inclusion into the Urban Growth Boundary.

The Council recessed at 4:30 p.m.

The Council of the City of Milton-Freewater then re-convened in regular open session at 4:45 p.m. in the Albee Room of the Library.

The following members were present: Mayor Lewis Key, Councilors Orrin Lyon, Brad Humbert, Keith Woods, Debbie Kelley and Steve Irving. Shalee Potts was not in attendance.

Staff members present were City Manager Delphine Palmer, Assistant City Manager Linda Hall, Public Works Trainee Dave Bradshaw and City Planner Gina Hartzheim.

Citizens present were Ed Chesnut, Denise Leidenfrost and Mr. & Mrs. Denis Good.

Press members present were Melanie Hall of the Valley Herald and Samantha Bates of the East Oregonian.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS: The consent calendar items consisted of minutes from the August 28, 2006 city council meeting. Councilor Kelley motioned to adopt the consent calendar items. Councilor Woods seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR LEAGUE OF OREGON CIITIES CONFERENCE. Assistant City Manager Linda Hall stated that each year a delegate and alternate must be elected by the governing body to represent the City at the annual League of Oregon Cities Conference held this year in September. Councilor Woods motioned to elect Mayor Key as the voting delegate and Councilor Kelley as the alternate voting delegate. Councilor Humbert seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 2033 TRANSFER FUNDS DUE TO UNPLANNED EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES.

City Manager Delphine Palmer stated the transfers would include \$6,000 from business license funds, \$40,000 from the general fund contingency, leaving \$100,000 + for unforeseen circumstances in general fund contingency, plus \$5,000 from community support donation. If the community donations do not meet the \$5,000 goal, the City would make up the difference for a grand total of \$51,000. Councilor Irving asked to amend Ms. Palmer's recommendation stating that community donations would be in addition to the City's contribution for a total of \$51,000 from the City plus community donations.

Councilor Kelley asked if the community support donation line item is where the support funding for the Pioneer Posse court comes from. Ms. Palmer said yes, but that she had expressed to them that this year the City's support would be less. Ms. Palmer said the City paid \$5,000 the first year to get them suited including flags, and this year the donation would be \$2,000 and next year \$1,000.

Councilor Humbert motioned to Adopt Resolution No. 2033 to transfer \$6,000 from business license revenues, \$40,000 from the general fund contingency, and \$5,000 from community support donations, for the "Make A Difference Day" contribution. Councilor Lyon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Councilor Woods offered a special prayer on behalf of the men and women lost on 9/11/01 and since while fighting the war on terrorism. "WE REMEMBER" was the national theme for this year's events.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Irving asked to have staff research having the handicap parking moved over one space and the current handicap space made non-handicap with a 10-minute limit. This is the parking next to the library that would help with Heavenly Blends latte business. Councilor Irving further said the discussion of an outside window access for the business would be beneficial.

Councilor Humbert asked to have the electricity run and the cement foundation for a reader sign done during the "Make A Difference Day" project. City Manager Delphine Palmer said she would love to have this done, but thinks that our own employees can manage this in their schedules.

Councilor Woods asked about the flat rate utility discussion at the last work session, and what had been done thus far. Assistant City Manager Linda Hall said this would be on the September 25th council agenda or the first council meeting in October.

Councilor Kelley reported she had attended a meeting with CVAC, Creating a Value Added Community, in Walla Walla that would like to include Milton-Freewater. CVAC is also looking for a new name. This is in the beginning stages and they want to explore everything from government to service agencies to community development. Their main goal is to pull communities together to help reduce poverty. Now they are exploring ideas on a larger scale to find ways to facilitate their initial goal. This is an interesting group and Councilor Kelley said she will continue to attend their meetings.

Councilor Kelley reported on the school bond stating she attended a meeting on Thursday, September 7th that included a small presentation. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m. at Grove School. There will be an Open-house that evening at 7:00 p.m. Signs will be available as well as a place to obtain correct information and up-to-date information. Councilor Kelley will not be at this meeting as she will be meeting, along with MF School Superintendent Marilyn McBride, in Pendleton to coordinate other communities in their school bond efforts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Lewis S. Key, Mayor